

The Miner.

Prescott, Arizona.

MORE ABOUT THE DIAMOND BUSINESS.

Wealth will have its worshippers. Treasures will not be permitted to lie still in the ground, much longer, and Arizona is now the ground from which thousands of fortune seekers propose to gorge themselves with gold, silver and gems "of purest ray serene."

Well, let them come on, this Territory is a very large one; yes, large enough to hold ship-loads of precious stones. But, we re-assert, Do not come here, at our invitation, to fill your sacks and purses with diamonds and such, for we are not prepared to say, positively, that such gems do exist here, although we rather think they do.

The foregoing remarks are, of course, drawn out in consequence of the terrible excitement in San Francisco about an immense diamond field in this Territory, which excitement was, at latest dates, feeding upon the report of Mr. Janin, which appears on the first page of this paper.

Tom Miner, The "Bilk," as he is known here and elsewhere, was in the city, at the head of a company, preparing to start for his diamond rancho. A woman had applied for admission to strike out with Tom's company.

Force Gregory and one or two other members of last year's Miner party, were in the city. Gregory speaks of a man named McCullum or McCallum, who was a member of the party and who found some precious stones, the value of which he did not make known to Miner. Joe Voshay and others were in the secret. Miner's field of diamonds is somewhere in the Pinal mountains.

Two rival companies are now organizing their forces for Arizona—Miner's and Harpending's.

Another company has been organized at Virginia City, Nevada, and its stock was being disposed of. It appears to rest upon the assertions of a Mr. Fox, who says he came to this Territory over a year ago, prospected a portion of it and found stones which have been proved to be precious.

His narrative leads us to infer that he alighted somewhere near Camp Apache; prospected to the northward and found the stones near the line of the 35th parallel, in sandstone formation. His story is corroborated by the following blast from other bugle-horns, which we copy from a late number of the San Francisco Call:

LOS ANGELES August 9.—Prof. Glass, of Colorado, and the Todd party arrived this evening from an extended geological tour in Arizona and New Mexico, and are direct from the diamond fields. They have with them 1,000 pounds of specimens of gold, silver and other ores, and several pieces of diamonds, which will be exhibited in San Francisco. On the route from Fort Wingate to Albuquerque, New Mexico, and on the borders of Arizona, in what is called the Ant Hill Region, their guns were discovered, all at the surface. There are specimens of genuine rubies, from the size of a large pea, downward. The diamonds, if there are any, are small, and at best of little value. They found rich gold and silver bearing quartz near Fort Wingate. The party claim to have discovered and located flowing oil springs that will yield from seventy to one hundred barrels per day. The precise location of these springs they will not divulge. In old mounds and ruins of ancient cities, they found relics of tools, pottery and woven cloth. The party are not sanguine as to their diamond discoveries. The rubies specimen will weigh a quarter of a pound.

Throwing the above combustible stuff upon the already brilliant flames that lighted the metropolis of the Pacific will, no doubt, cause a big soul-burning, and hundreds, perhaps thousands, of men will rush to Arizona, immediately, for whom the following information is given gratuitously:

Once upon a time, not many years ago, a certain soldier of Camp McDowell found what he supposed was a big diamond. He took it to San Francisco and disposed of it for a very large sum; busy rumor soon after said that the soldier procured that diamond by "nipping" it from some person who previously possessed it.

Then, Severance & Co., of San Francisco, wrote to us to know if there were diamonds lying around loose here. We objected to giving an emphatic opinion on that point, for the simple reason that we were not qualified to do so.

Old soldiers who took part in driving the Navajo Indians upon a reservation, have told us that the Navajo country—to the north and east of Prescott—contains all manner of beautiful stones, among which, they thought, diamonds manage to fill positions.

Several years ago, Mr. Slack, an old miner of Lynx Creek, in this county, skedaddled from these diggings, and turned up at the Burro mines, in the interest and pay of Harpending and Roberts, we believe. He remained there some time, when he left for San Francisco and Utah, in the interest of his employers. He is now in the East, "living like a fighting cock," upon cash made while in the employ of Harpending,—some say, the proceeds of the sale of his diamonds, and interest in the claim; others, again, aver that Slack got his cash from the sale of a mine in Utah.

He has old and dear friends here in Prescott, with whom he has corresponded, but to whom he has never once said diamond. It will be seen that Mr. Slack is doing pretty freely in Janin's Report.

Van Allen, who came here several months ago, and, with Charles Myers, "silently stole away," towards New Mexico, on a diamond hunt, told persons here that Slack took from this Territory a great many diamonds.

We have seen some of the "diamonds" found in the Pinal Mountains, and did not believe they were diamonds.

We have been upon every important river and creek in Arizona; have seen wagon-loads of beautiful stones near the big Colorado, the Little Colorado, the Gila, the branches of Salt River, the Verde and other streams, but cannot say that any of those seen by us were diamonds or other precious stones, but in the light of what now shines upon us from San Fran-

cisco, we think we show to advantage as a poor, ignorant idiot who has traveled up, down and across Arizona, more than two thousand miles without procuring so much as a specimen of the numberless precious stones over which we passed. But, they are all around Prescott, and, as soon as their value shall have been established here, we shall endeavor to make up for lost time.

Finally, if people will come here in search of precious stones, now is a good time, as the weather is nice; grass and water plenty, and Indians need planting worse than ever before.

Department of Agriculture.

J. R. Dodge, Statistician, and Hon. Frederick Watts, Commissioner of the above named useful Department of our Government, have kindly favored the MINER with the report for July of this year, from which, we learn that, owing to the drouth in many portions of the corn producing States, the crop, early in July was far behind what it ought to have been, which goes to show that drouth was more or less general all over the country.

The greatest quantity of rain which fell in any State, in June, was between three and four inches, about as much as fell around Prescott in July. Kentucky is the State that was most favored with rain in June. Next to it comes Michigan.

In those States, the rain was not general; nor was it general in counties, as we see that portions of counties were suffering from drouth; while the other portions of the same counties had an abundant supply of rain. Just as we have had it in Arizona.

A Good Man Gone.

It is with regret we announce the death, at Washington, on the morning of July 24, 1872, of JOHN POTTS, chief clerk of the War Department. Of this we are apprised by circular from the Department, signed by Wm. V. Belknap, Secretary of War, and H. F. Crossley, acting chief clerk. The Secretary deploras the sad event, and adds his testimony to the great worth of the departed, who for 36 years had been in the Department, for 13 of which he had been its chief clerk, and who has often been pronounced a "perfectly incorruptible man." Mr. Potts was a Virginian by birth.

Revenue Supervisors.

Congress, at last session, passed a law, the object of which is to curtail the number of persons attached to the revenue service, and we see by the Washington Star that already some supervisors have been squeezed out of office by a consolidating process. Some Assessors and Collectors will have to go next. California, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Utah and Arizona are now together, under Supervisor L. M. Foulke.

Small Farms.

A writer in the *Agriculturist*, of San Jose, California, compares "great estates with small farms," and prefers the latter. He cites the settlement of Anaheim, Los Angeles County, where from off 20 acre farms many thrifty German farmers have done exceedingly well.

The MINER has frequently advised the farmers of this Territory to attempt to cultivate no more land than they could cultivate well, and we now repeat the dose of advice.

Your Loss, Our Gain.

The *Times*, of Santa Barbara, California, deploras the departure from its town, of Mr. Charles A. Thompson, an old and valuable citizen, who is going to settle permanently at Arizona City, in this Territory.

Japanese Masons.

We see it stated that many of the Japanese who recently came to this country, with the embassy, had petitioned Washington Lodges for admission into the Masonic Order, and that their petitions had been favorably acted upon.

New England Papers.

We are indebted to some friend for files of the *Republican*, of Springfield, Massachusetts, *Times*, of Hartford, Connecticut, and other leading New England papers. And this fact gives us permission to state that the editorials of the *Republican* are among the ablest, keenest and fairest specimens of good English we have ever read.

A Good Sign.

The fact that the Colorado Steam Navigation Company are soon going to place another steamer on the ocean route from the mouth of the Colorado River to San Francisco, shows that the trade of the Territory is increasing. Well, it is, and chances are exceedingly fair that it will be quadruple what it is now inside of a year.

To Be Settled.

Blossom Rock Von Smith has received a Government contract for running California's Eastern boundary line, from Oregon to the Colorado River.

Received.

A copy of the proceedings of the Centennial Commission has been received at this office, from John Wasson, Alternate Commissioner.

Patent Outdoes, &c.

A company has just been formed in San Francisco which has for its object the printing of outdoes, insides, or supplements for sickly country papers. Guess the MINER will try and not patronize this company.

THE NINTH CENSUS.

Democratic and Republican editors have nought but words of praise for Francis A. Walker, Superintendent of the Ninth Census, (just taken), for the manner in which he has directed that stupendous work. We believe that in selecting him President Grant picked upon the right man. Far different, though, is our belief regarding the selection of the person who agreed to, (but didn't), take the census of this (Yavapai) county, for, in looking over "Production of Agriculture," we find the name of our county, but not as much as a figure following it, under any of the numerous headings,—“improved acres,” “woodland,” &c., &c., and we are forced to leave Yavapai blank, in the following figures, &c., which we quote from the document above alluded to:

Mohave County.—Number of acres of improved land, 2,240; woodland, —; unimproved, 60. Present cash value of farms, \$4,100; of farming implements and machinery, \$1,550; estimated value of produce of market gardens during the past year, \$1,300. Value of live stock \$29,700; No. of horses, 47; No. of mules and asses, 112; No. of milch cows, 142; of work oxen, 73; of other cattle, 1,584; of swine, 23. Number of bushels of Indian corn produced, 30; of barley, 80; No. of tons of hay, 84.

Pima County.—Number of acres of improved land, 10,451; woodland, —; unimproved, 7,006. Present value of farms, \$151,840; of farming implements and machinery, \$18,055. Value of market produce during the past year, \$1,550. Value of stock, \$77,496. Number of horses, 200; of mules and asses, 72; of milch cows, 482; of work oxen, 512; of other cattle, 274; of sheep, 803; swine, 692. Number of bushels of spring wheat produced, 27,052; corn, 32,011; oats, 25; barley, 54,997. Number of pounds of tobacco produced, 100; wool, 679. Number of bushels of peas and beans, 3,417; Irish potatoes, 575; sweet potatoes, 16. Number of pounds of butter, 800; cheese, 14,300. Number of gallons of milk sold, 4,800.

Yuma County.—Number of acres of improved land, 1,894; woodland, —; other unimproved, 156. Present value of farms, \$5,400; of farming implements and machinery, \$500. Value of live stock, \$36,800. No. of horses, 88; mules and asses, 217; milch cows, 314; work oxen, 2; other cattle, 1,749; swine, 5.

Following is the amount of wages paid, including value of board, in the counties mentioned, during the past year: Mohave, \$1,250; Pima, \$102,230; Yuma, \$1,140.

Yavapai County having no statistics given for the year 1870, we give the estimated amount of corn produced in 1868: Total number of acres planted, 4,000; number of bushels produced, 120,000; or 6,720,000 lbs., which is an average of 30 bushels per acre. To this might be added a large yield of potatoes, hay, &c. But, we cut a "sorry figure" in the Ninth Census, and will have to wait nearly ten years more before we can fill up the blanks which negligent officials—the Deputy Marshals for this county—have left unfilled.

Maricopa County, which now leads all others in agriculture, will have to await the taking of next census in order to get Government to figure up her thousands of improved acres, &c.

MINES AND MINING.

Our letter from Wallapai District contains very good news, if the furnace men have not yet beaten the elements. The lodes are good, and the little mill is paying very well.

Matters appear to be quiet in Yuma, Maricopa and Pima counties.

Governor Safford has recently returned to Tucson, from prospecting in the country north of the Gila.

Hope is a favorite word with the miners of the several districts surrounding Prescott. The placer fellows—thanks to late rains—are turning several honest dollars out of their gravel. Lovejoy & Co., have been pining and are now ground sluicing, on Lower Lynx creek, with favorable results; that is about \$15 a day to the hand. Further up the creek, several companies and single individuals are taking out gold by the ounce. The same is true of the placer fellows of the Hassayampa, Big Bug and Antelope creeks. With water we ask no odds of any body.

In quartz mining, symptoms are favorable for a new departure. The Tiger, Benton, Del Pasco, and many other ledges are as good as their owners care to have them, and all feel in their bones that the freezing process is about ended.

Items. Mr. Geo. Berry, an intelligent California and Nevada miner, has been taking a look at mines near Wickenburg, Walnut Grove and Prescott, and says he is satisfied that many of the mines seen by him would, if they were in California or Nevada, sell for immense sums of money.

Col. H. A. Bigelow, Cal. Jackson, A. O. Noyes, H. Patridge and Wm. Walsh accompanied Mr. Berry in his rambles through this section.

Men are now sinking on the Davis mine, in Hassayampa District.

The diamond fever has taken possession of several of our citizens, and vague rumors are afloat to the effect that several rare gems have been found close to Prescott. We shall prospect for a diamond of "the first water" in the first water melon that crops anywhere, before us.

Pieces of ores, showing Cinnabar may be seen at Jewell's establishment, South side of the plaza. Said pieces are from a ledge near Prescott.

To be Abandoned.

The Santa Fe (New Mexico) *Gazette* says: Orders have been issued for the abandonment of Fort McKee, as a military post.

POLITICAL NEWS AND GOSSIP.

"White man is very uncertain," and so is Connecticut, which, we think is sure to go Greeley. Her Governor Jewell has just purchased the interest of J. H. Bromley in the Hartford Post, and Mr. B., who is a very able writer, "retires" to put on the Greeley harness. Mr. Bromley has a brother in Prescott.

That very poor world-ly guide, the New York World, is now tooting for Greeley. The World is a brilliant but very erratic political light-house. Previous to the recent wedding, at Baltimore, it used to sit up o' nights, sparking Liberal Republican fellows, but, when it saw that Greeley instead of Marble was the "fashion," it wished to wear its old clothes, and help Brick Pomeroy keep the country in thralldom.

The New Orleans Times—the ablest Southern paper published—is strongly in favor of Greeley, while the Pic., is a little shaky.

The last number of the Times received by us, contains a manifesto from Gen. Beauregard, in which B. says he would be compelled to change his residence to St. Louis or Cincinnati, in case the Radical Negroes again carry Louisiana, and they will do it, unless the advice of Beauregard and other patriots has been followed, for, should Kellogg be elected Governor, the mulatto, Antoine, will, upon K's election to the U. S. Senate, flop into the gubernatorial chair, which flop would be mighty bad for the whites of Louisiana.

John W. Forney is evidently not very well pleased with the several turns political affairs have recently taken. He is "bound for California, right away," to spend two months.

The position of the Southern General Joseph E. Johnstone, appears to be somewhat mixed, as both parties—Grant and Greeley—claim him as an affinity. We believe, though, he has at last said Greeley.

The years are not many since Schuyler Colfax said to General Garfield: "Please, don't speak of negro suffrage; my constituents are not educated up to that yet, and to advocate it would lose me votes."

The "Nellie Grant Blues," have been organized in Cincinnati by two hundred young Republican voters, who challenge the "Ida Greeley Grays" to match 'em if they can.

The Democrats and Liberal Republicans of Iowa and Vermont have joined forces. The Iowa combination ticket is: For Governor, Fitz Henry Warren; Lieutenant-Governor, H. B. Fiske; Secretary, E. A. Gilbert; Treasurer, M. J. Rholf; Auditor, J. P. Cassidy; Attorney-General, A. G. Case; Register of Land Office, Captain Jacob Butler.

The Vermont ticket is: For Governor, A. B. Gardner, Liberal; Lieutenant-Governor, W. H. Bingham, Democrat; Treasurer, Henry Chase, Democrat.

The Republicans of Michigan have placed the following ticket in the field: For Governor, John G. Bagley; Lieutenant-Governor, Henry Holt; Secretary of State, Daniel Stoker (renominated); Treasurer, V. P. Collins (renominated); Auditor, General William Humphrey (renominated); Commissioner of the Land Office, Leverett H. Clapp; Attorney-General, Byron D. Ball; Superintendent of Public Instruction, Dave B. Briggs.

The Butte Record, of Oroville, Cal., is not for Grant, or it would not poke fun in this style:

Some English critic stated that the peculiar trait of the American character was to be "funny at funerals." He would be confirmed in this view could he be present at Grant Conventions about these days.

The Herald, of San Antonio, Texas, talks Horace with a gusto. For President, it gives the portrait of the philosopher.

The purchase of so-called "Rebel Archives," by the Administration, and their publication, is not helping the cause of President Grant, voters looking upon this dodge as long since "played out." There are those who accuse the Administration of buying them without authority, in order that its friends, from whom it has bought the "archives," may have cash to spend in the election.

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PERSONAL.—We were pleased to receive a call, during the past week, from Dr. AYER's traveller, who was in our town devoting his time and attention to the preparations of the great medicine man. This call has become a pleasant annual to us from the able and reliable business character of the accomplished gentlemen whom this firm send out to transact their business. No house is better known or valued by the press for its promptness in settlement than the well established and popular J. C. AYER & Co., Lowell, Mass., whose medicines have become a household necessity, and won the confidence and praise of all. Our own acquaintance with them has extended over a series of years, and we have invariably found them, their travellers and their medicines, worthy of the commendations they everywhere receive.—*Jackson (Tenn.) Tribune.*

From Ehrenberg.

By letter dated 18th, inst., from Ehrenberg, Colorado River, we are placed in possession of the following:

The freight train of John Duff loaded at the warehouse of W. B. Hooper & Co., on the 16th, and started for Prescott.

The river steamer Cocopah, and barge No. 1, were expected on the 18th, with four companies of troops.

River was rising; sign in it looked red, as if high water was coming out of the Little Colorado.

Col. Barney, (of W. B. Hooper & Co.) had got back from Arizona City, and was rushing things.

Indians—Chimahuaves—were up to their eyes in water-melons.

Mr. Moore, Master of Transportation for the Army here, got back to Whipple a few days ago, with a train of pack mules, laden with sugar and beans for the troops. He made the round trip in 15 days. He informs us that the country between the sink of Date Creek and Cullen's Station was recently under water.

OUR "POORER" MINERAL RESOURCES.

Most of what we know about diamonds is told elsewhere, and it is now in order for us to assure all who may come here, in search of diamonds, that, should they fail to find them, they cannot miss seeing mines of gold, silver, copper, salt and coal, many of which, we are not afraid to think and say, are as rich as the richest California, Nevada, Colorado, Utah, or any other mines. And these are not confined to a few spots. No, this immense Territory is divided into five large counties, in every one of which, mines of the precious metals exist, so that, if a prospector, miner, mill man, capitalist, or any other man, does not like the display in one county or district, he may be suited upon moving to another district. Yuma county has her Castle Dome, Gila City and other districts. Mohave has her famous Wallapai, besides many other districts, to tempt the fortune hunter. Yavapai bares her bosom to show you the Vulture, Tiger and numerous other good things, in scores of districts; while Pima and Maricopa counties beckon for people to see their great mineral wealth. Old citizens of the Territory will welcome you here, and do their best to make you at home in the Territory.

Should there be those among the diamond hunters who may, in time, develop a taste for farming, placer mining, or stock raising, the country offers tempting inducements, and it may be that out of this diamond excitement Arizona will corral enough citizens to free her from her enemies—Government and the Apaches. Hope so.

Railroads.

From San Francisco we have news of the formation of a company to build an independent road to the Colorado, to connect with the Atlantic and Pacific, and Texas and Pacific roads. Over one thousand subscribers and nearly one million of dollars appeared on the list.

Texas and Pacific surveyors are approaching Tucson.

Latest from North Carolina.

The Los Angeles *Daily Express*, of August 15, gives the following despatch:

It is reported that the Secretary of State of North Carolina will give a certificate of election to Merriman and not to Caldwell, on account of alleged irregularities. This report is not confirmed from Raleigh.

The foregoing is dated, New York, August 14, and is the latest we have seen from the debatable political field. Previous despatches agree in giving a majority of Congressmen and State Legislators to the Democracy.

Tremendous.

The San Francisco *Chronicle* of the 11th inst., gives a long account of a mysterious individual who, by some secret process, has made great bars of gold, and says he can make enough to load several ships.

Maricopa Wells—Phœnix.

Moore & Carr have commenced running buck-boards between the above places, and are prepared to carry passengers and express matter.

Governor Safford.

This energetic official has returned to Tucson from an arduous prospecting trip. He found no diggings over which a poor man could conscientiously crow. A full account of his trip will appear in next week's MINER.

General Howard.

We believe this officer is now back in the Territory. We hope he is. The black deeds of the Apaches under treaty, will have a tendency to weaken what little faith he had in their reclamation by kindness.

Prescott Town-site.

The Tucson *Citizen* of the 17th, says that "Gov. McCormick had procured the issue of the patent for the Prescott town-site on July 27."

Cook, Coburn & Co.,

Reliable advertising agents, of Chicago, Illinois, lost everything save energy and good character, by the late fire.

They have an immense contract for placing that praiseworthy scheme—"Louisville Grand Gift Concert,"—before the public, the advertisement of which, will be found in this week's MINER.

Change of Editors.

E. B. Boust has resigned his position as editor of the *Times*, of Santa Barbara, California, and J. T. Richards has accepted that position.

Mr. B. formerly edited a paper in Dutch Flat, California, and is well and favorably known to many citizens of Yavapai county.

New Post Trader.

We see by the Tucson *Citizen* that J. W. Delaney, of Petaluma, California, has been appointed Post Trader at Fort Yuma, Cal. Mr. Delaney served with distinction during the late war.

Death of a Prominent Man.

Linton Stephens, only brother of Alex. H. Stephens, died recently, in his native Georgia.

The St. Louis *Globe* of the 23d ult., says that Mr. W. H. Coffin, one of the directors of the Atlantic and Pacific railroad, has left for San Francisco, and will be followed in a few days by General Clinton B. Fisk, who are called there to assist in securing the \$15,000,000 pledged there in aid of the Thirty-fifth Parallel Pacific railway.

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